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-- And the tightly wound grave clothes simply crumpled into position where they were.

And John saw and believed the resurrection!

VI. The sixth Miracle is recorded in Matthew 27:52-53: "And many bodies of the saints that slept were raised and came out of the graves after [Christ's] resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared unto many."

This was a miracle of witness.

-- Christ came out of the grave as the "firstborn" from the dead - with a resurrection body.

-- Now these were brought forth after three days to witness that indeed there is victory in Christ over sin, death and the grave.

Isn't it a wonderful thought that because of all this we too, as believers, shall live forever in resurrected and glorified bodies!

VII. The seventh Miracle of Calvary continues even today.

-- It is the supreme miracle.

-- It is the reason for all the other miracles.

But the Apostle Paul says it this way in I Corinthians 15: "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried - He was raised the third day according to the Scriptures."

We stand today before an open, empty tomb and the witness of the miracles that attend this account.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." And what thinking person can say other than, "Lord, I believe."?

Luke records in Acts 6:7: "A great many of the priests were obedient to the faith." And no wonder. They were all on duty when the veil was torn in two - and they were present when all the rest of the events took place. Yes, they believed!

Quite possibly the Roman centurion at the cross believed, for he said, "Truly, this man was God's Son."

John believed when he saw the grave cloths. The Apostle Thomas believed when he saw the hands and side of the risen Savior, and he confessed, "My Lord and my God!"

Say -- do you believe? Are you a part of that continuing seventh Miracle of Calvary?

EXTRA-BIBLICAL JEWISH LAWS

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Some extra-biblical laws of Judaism sprang up by the time of Christ. It is understandable, at least to a degree, why that occurred.

Washing of Hands

A good illustration is the time the Pharisees said to Christ, "Look, your disciples break the law because they don't wash their hands before they eat." There is no law like that in Scripture. They added that to the Old Testament commandments.

Cities of Refuge

In Numbers 35, dealing with cities of refuge and the intentional or accidental killing of a man, the slayer was required to remain in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest.

The Jews asked these questions: Suppose sentence was passed and the high priest died before the man returns to the city of refuge, how should this be handled? Or, suppose the sentence was not yet passed and the high priest died and another is appointed, then what do you do? Or, suppose there were no high priest - the high priest had died and a new one had not yet been appointed when the sentence was passed? The Scripture doesn't say. So the Jews tried to determine what should be done.

When sentence was passed and the high priest died before the man returns to the city of refuge, they said the man should be set free. In the case where sentence was not yet passed and the high priest died and another is appointed, they said the man must await the death of the second high priest before being set free. In the case where there is no high priest and no new one has been appointed, then the man is never set free, because there was no high priest to die when the sentence was passed.

They added many other laws, and many times they arose from legitimate questions.

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